

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Applicant makes amendments to the specification by replacing paragraphs according to the following instructions.

Please delete the existing paragraph numbered [009] and replace it with Amended Paragraph [009] as follows.

[009] (Currently Amended) The lawn mower 1 may be a conventional lawn mower, comprising a chassis [[10]] 100, a lower frame 101, and a set of wheels 19, 20 secured to the front end 40 and rear end 41 of the lower frame. Like other lawn mowers, the inventive lawn mower includes an engine 22 connected to an exhaust pipe 23, a steering handle 24 for maneuvering the lawn mower, and preferably a seat 25 which the operator of the mower may sit upon while operating the lawn mower. The lawn mower includes a blade assembly or mower cutting deck secured to the lower frame of the chassis, the blade assembly comprising a set of cutting blades 21 disposed within a housing guard 2.